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Adrienne Arsht Center Invites Miami Lighthouse for the Blind for Special Hands-On Sensory Experience of THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA



MIAMI— Cameron Mackintosh's spectacular new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's **THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA** is coming to the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County and Miami Lighthouse for the Blind will have the opportunity to take part in an exciting hands-on tour and audio description of the beloved story. The touch tour will take place on Sunday, February 28th at 11:30a.m., meeting in the lobby of the Arsht Center's Ziff Ballet Opera House.

With thrilling songs like 'Music of the Night,' 'All I Ask Of You' and 'Masquerade' whether blind or visually impaired, you will be able to experience through the touch tour interaction and audio description the beauty of **THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**. This experience at the Adrienne Arsht Center will reinforce what we teach here at Miami Lighthouse, that 'it's possible to see without sightTM'," said Miami Lighthouse President and CEO Virginia Jacko. Media is invited to attend.

WHEN:

Sunday, February 28, 2016 11:15 a.m. – Arrival & Welcome 11:30 a.m. – Touch Tour 1:00 p.m. – Curtain

WHERE:

Adrienne Arsht Center Ziff Ballet Opera House 1300 Biscayne Boulevard Miami, FL 33132

Cameron Mackintosh's spectacular new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA February 24 – March 6, 2016

Cameron Mackintosh's spectacular new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's phenomenal musical success, **THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**, will come to Miami as part of a North American tour. Critics are raving that this breathtaking production is "bigger and better than ever before."

This **PHANTOM** features a brilliant new scenic design by Paul Brown, Tony Award®-winning original costume design by Maria Björnson, lighting design by Tony Award®-winner Paule Constable, new choreography by Scott Ambler, and a new staging by director Laurence Connor. The production, overseen by Matthew Bourne and Cameron Mackintosh, boasts many exciting special effects including the show's legendary chandelier. The beloved story and thrilling score - with songs like "Music of the Night," "All I Ask Of You," and "Masquerade" - will be performed by a cast and orchestra of 52, making this **PHANTOM** one of the largest productions now on tour.

Tickets start at \$34* Ziff Ballet Opera House Adrienne Arsht Center 1300 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL 33132 For tickets visit www.arshtcenter.org, or call the Box Office at (305) 949-6722

About Miami Lighthouse for the Blind

Established in 1931, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired is the oldest and largest private agency in Florida to serve people of all ages who are blind and visually impaired. It has earned eight consecutive 4-star ratings, the highest rating possible, from Charity Navigator placing the organization among the top 2% of non-profits for fiscal responsibility in the U.S. Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired serves over 12,000 program participants annually; 24-times as many since 2004. Miami Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired serves for th

About the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County

Set in the heart of downtown Miami and designed by world-renowned architect Cesar Pelli, the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County is one of the world's leading performing arts organizations and venues. Since opening in 2006, the Arsht Center, a 501C3 non-profit organization, has emerged as a leader in presenting innovative programming that mirrors South Florida's diversity as well as a catalyst for billions of dollars in new development in the downtown area. The Center programs 12 signature series, including the largest jazz series in South Florida, the biggest flamenco festival on the East Coast, and a robust program of new theatrical works as well as free programming for the community and an arts education program that serves nearly 30,000 children each year. As Miami's new Town Square, the Arsht Center also houses Brava!, a fine dining restaurant; the Café at Books & Books in the historic Carnival Tower and a weekly Farmers Market. Visit <u>arshtcenter.org</u> for more information.